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In re Application of:

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Title: THERAPEUTIC GESTAGENS FOR THE TREATMENT OF PREMENSTRUAL
DYSPHORIC DISORDER

REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2001 in the above-referenced application.

REMARKS

The two obviousness rejections (over two Abstracts - Neumann, and Guenther *et al.*) are traversed. Although the two Abstracts may disclose using a combination of an estrogen and a progestagen to treat various disorders, neither Abstract discloses or suggests that such a combination can be used to treat PMDD (premenstrual dysphoric disorder), a distinctly classified condition. The instant claims are distinguishable from the references, at least because a different class of patient is treated from the patients disclosed by the references. Neither of the references,